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Waters' Chapel.
Special Services at Water's Chapel, Spring St. near McElderry, Sunday Oct. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 1898. The Rev. J. T. Jenifer Pastor. The Fall Cash rally will come off. The effort is to raise \$1200. The public is invited to come, and to aid in the good cause.

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Episcopal Church Workers.

The Fourteenth Annual Conference of Church Workers Among the Colored People.

A VERY SUCCESSFUL AND WELL ATTENDED SESSION AT RICHMOND.

The fourteenth annual conference of the Episcopal Church among colored people was held beginning on Tuesday evening Sept. 27th, and ending Friday evening Sept. 30th, in St. Philip's church, Richmond, Virginia.

The Conference was well attended and the papers and debates of a very interesting character. There were present 20 of the colored clergy and about 30 or more lay delegates, including the women to the Auxiliary meeting. The following clergy were present:

- Rev. W. G. Avant, Petersburg, Virginia.
- Rev. H. C. Bishop, New York.
- Rev. G. F. Bragg, Baltimore.
- Rev. W. P. Burke, Norfolk, Va.
- Rev. T. W. Cain, Galveston.
- Rev. J. W. Carroll, Mecklenburg county, Va.
- Rev. J. N. Deaver, Charlestown, W. Va.
- Rev. E. L. Henderson, Annapolis, Md.
- Rev. J. W. Johnson, Richmond Va.
- Rev. D. E. Johnson, Cleveland.
- Rev. G. A. McGuire, Cincinnati.
- Rev. O. L. Mitchell, Washington.
- Rev. G. F. Miller, Brooklyn.
- Rev. H. L. Phillips, Philadelphia.
- Rev. S. D. Phillips, Philadelphia.
- Rev. W. B. Perry, Nottoway county, Va.
- Rev. J. H. M. Pollard, Raleigh, N. C.
- Rev. W. V. Tunnell, Washington, D. C.
- Rev. T. W. Vaughan, Gordonsville, Va.
- Rev. O. M. Waller, Washington.

At the opening session, Rev. J. B. Massiah, being detained by serious illness, the Rev. O. M. Waller, of Washington, supplied his place by preaching a most excellent discourse reviewing the work of the Episcopal church among the Colored People of the United States. Bishop Gibson of Virginia was present and delivered very generous words of welcome to the clergy and other visitors.

The Rev. John W. Johnson, rector of St. Philip's, Richmond, was elected president of the conference, succeeding the Rev. H. C. Bishop, of New York.

After a service of 10 years as secretary, the Rev. Geo. F. Bragg, Jr., declined a re-nomination for reelection to that office. Rev. J. N. Deaver, of Charlestown, was elected secretary, and Mr. J. H. Braxton, of St. Philip's church, New York, was elected treasurer.

Excellent papers on the development of self-sustaining parishes were read, the writers being the Revs. E. L. Henderson, and E. N. Hollings. In the absence of Mr. Hollings his paper was read by the Rev. Mr. Bragg.

By far the most important discussion centered around the papers on the "Adaptation of the Episcopate" or what is commonly called the Colored Bishop Question.

Archdeacon Joyner through the Rev. Mr. Bragg, presented a most excellent paper against any such adaptation, while the Rev. J. W. Johnson read a very lengthy paper in support of missionary jurisdiction with Colored Bishops.

While it was perfectly clear that the majority were in sympathy with some kind of adaptation of the Episcopate whereby colored men would be enabled to serve the American Church in the Episcopate, yet there was great diversity with respect to the form such should assume. There were at least three distinct plans or ideas with respect to this matter.

First, there was suggested by the committee looking to the creation by the General Convention of Independent Missionary Jurisdiction, subject to the General Con-

vention alone, and presided over by Bishops taken from the colored race.

Second. There was a plan suggesting an entirely independent colored Episcopal Church, having its own Bishops, but maintaining friendly communication with the present Protestant Episcopal Church.

Third. There was the suggestion that in dioceses having the bulk of colored work, and where prospects were brightest, three or more such dioceses should unite in a province, and the Bishops of such province employ and consecrate a colored priest as a Provincial Suffragan Bishop, to work as a helper to each one, without disturbing the canonical relationship of the colored clergy or laity, in the several dioceses.

As a necessary sequence of these divergent views the General Convention was petitioned to as follows: "We would earnestly and seriously ask whether in your opinion anything can be done in the way of adapting the Episcopate to the needs of our people, so that the Episcopal office may be brought into closer and more sympathetic relations with our people."

It was decided to memorialize the General Convention now in triennial session in Washington, D. C., and the Reverends George F. Bragg, Jr., Baltimore, H. L. Phillips, of Philadelphia, and W. V. Tunnell, of Washington, were appointed a committee to lay the memorial before that body. In addition to the matter of the adaptation of the Episcopate, the memorial asks for the founding of a Church College or University for the benefit of the colored youth of this country. It also expresses the hope that the General Convention or Board of Missions may find it convenient and helpful to employ a well qualified priest as a Field Secretary or Agent for this General work, whereby the indifference and apathy with respect to this work may be overcome.

Woman's Day.
On Friday the Venerable Archdeacon J. H. M. Pollard, preached the sermon before the Woman's Auxiliary, the Rev. G. F. Bragg, celebrating the Holy Communion. There was a large attendance of delegates and a very enthusiastic meeting. Mrs. Brodie of Washington, broke the hither-to record and was re-elected president of the auxiliary. Miss Alice O. Robinson, of Richmond, Va., was elected Recording Secretary, Mrs. E. L. Henderson, of Annapolis, Corresponding Secretary, and Mrs. Nellie G. Bragg, of Baltimore, Treasurer.

The papers, six in all, were all most excellent and well received. The auxiliary expressed its pleasure at the idea of having the united offering of the Woman's Auxiliary of the country, for 1901, to be devoted to Church work among the colored race and passed a resolution requesting Mrs. Brodie to attend the triennial meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary which took place in Washington this week, and present the request before that body. A donation of five dollars was also voted to be sent to that meeting to be added to the united offering there presented.

The next meeting of the Conference and Auxiliary will take place in St. Philip's church, New York, during the first week in September 1899.

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The Normal School.
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DREW THE COLOR LINE.

The Baltimore Sun of Wednesday with reference to a meeting of the Baltimore Presbytery, held near Highland, Hartford county, has the following:

"Among the delegates to the presbytery were City Councilman Harry S. Cummings and Elder James E. Fessenden, representing the Madison Street Presbyterian Church (colored.) The colored men were unwittingly the cause of a very unpleasant incident. They sat through the morning session and successfully transacted all of their official business, but when the dinner hour came the color line was drawn against them.

Dinner was served in the building by the ladies of the Highland Church. It was announced that the tables would only seat thirty-nine and the first lot to be served would be the pastors and others with work to do during the recess. When the first lot had finished, the other delegates started for the dining room, among them being the colored men. As the latter started through the door they were told that they would have to wait until all the white men had dined. Upon hearing this, Mr. Cummings and his friends collected their baggage and left the church, going to the railroad station, where they feasted off corned beef and other canned beef.

The news of the incident soon spread through the meeting and a committee, composed of Revs. Taylor and Curtis and Mr. D. W. Glass, went after the colored delegates and apologized for the unfortunate occurrence. The apology was accepted with regard to the presbytery, but they could not be induced to return to the meeting and took the first train for Baltimore."

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SNOW HILL.

The commemoration of the Lord's Supper was well attended at Ebenezer M. E. Church Sunday morning. The services of the Mt. Zion Baptist church was very impressive.

The public schools in the town opened on the 3rd with quite a full attendance. It is to be hoped that the instructors may lay the foundation strong so that the future Afro-American in this locality may be able to act well his part in the drama of life.

Rev. Mrs. James H. Johnson of Pocomoke City, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Young of Depot avenue.

Prof. I. J. Harrison of Philadelphia, paid his friends a flying visit on Saturday enroute to Whalesville where he goes to teach.

Mr. J. S. Wesley of Laurel, Del. has returned to his field of labor at Mount Wesley.

Capt. Wm. E. Rounds of the Minnie Warfield has been with us for a few days.

The members of Mt. Zion Baptist Church organ committee will give an entertainment for the benefit of the same Wednesday evening, 5th, inst.

Mr. Sydney Hubbell of Water street, is doing quite a thriving business at his cafe.

Miss Hattie Nutter of Princess Anne, is visiting Rev. C. W. Pullitt.

Miss Annie Turner of Baltimore is visiting the Rev. Pullitt.

Mrs. Milcha Parnell of Boston, Mass., who has been the guest of her sister Mrs. Georgie Wilson of Hill street, left for home on Tuesday.

Local Items.

DOINGS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO OUR MANY BALTIMORE CITY READERS.

Bring your job work, envelopes, cards, circulars, hand-bills, etc. to the job office of the Ledger 210 Courtland street.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis B. Van Nockay of 1069 Argyle avenue, entertained at tea, Tuesday evening, Dr. and Mrs. O. D. Robinson of Wilmington, Del.

Rev. G. Alexander McGuire, of Cincinnati, was in the city last Sunday and preached a most excellent sermon at St. James church.

Rev. M. J. Naylor, who has been sick is visiting Harpers Ferry, W. Va.

Rev. A. B. Callia and his people of the Macedonia Baptist church are rejoicing greatly over the access to their new building.

Mr. H. Rufus White, attorney at law, whose business card appears in the LEDGER, has recently renovated his office in the True Reformers' Building, 310 St. Paul Street. It is cosy and attractive, and Mr. White will be pleased to welcome therein his many friends.

There were quite a number of colored delegates from white parishes attending the S. Andrew's Brotherhood.

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The School Board this week announced the appointment of the following teachers: John W. Woodhouse, Male Colored No. 10; Miss Frances R. Carroll, Female Colored No. 2; Miss Annie P. De Lava Male Colored No. 2; Miss Margery Hurst, Male Colored No. 2.

Waters Chapel.
Waters Chapel, Spring street, near McElderry, held services last Sunday of annual interest. At 11 a. m., the pastor, Rev. J. T. Jenifer, preached an enjoyable and instructive sermon from Matt. 22: 24: Theme, "What is Christ to me?" About two hundred took the Sacrament in the midst of great rejoicing. At 7.30 one hundred and twenty-five of the Knights of Pythias turned out, who made a splendid appearance in dress. Among whom were Eureka Lodge No. 1, St. James No. 9; Centurion No. 10, and Lovuature Lodge No. 14. Dr. Jenifer preached a special sermon to these Lodges, from Ps. 133. Subject: The Heavenly Dew upon the Unity of the Brethren.

The supreme benefits of combination and co-operation among all peoples was shown and the new era for organized effort among Afro-Americans was clearly and forcibly set forth. The sermon was very much enjoyed by all. A goodly sum was contributed to the aid of Bros. Rich and Wrights Club, No. 1, for the Cash Rally on Sunday October 9th.

CUMBERLAND CIPPINGS
After an absence of ten days Rev. S. M. Johnson has returned home again.

The revival meeting that has been going on at the Ebenezer Baptist church for four weeks still continues.

The theater season is now on and there is but little that can be done for the churches for our people are fond of theaters, especially our young people.

Rev. Joseph Wheeler, preached two very fine sermons to his people on Sunday.

Mr. John Brown who was on the warship Brooklyn and fought in the battle of Santiago is in the city.

WESTMINSTER ITEMS.

The Young People's Christian Union, held its first exercises at the Memorial Baptist church on the eve of the 29th. inst. Quite an interesting program was rendered. The President, Rev. L. E. Davis delivered the opening address followed by a solo by Mrs. Martha Henson. A discussion of Art and Nature was participated in by Prof. Goodridge and Brown and Messrs. L. E. Davis and Chas. P. Franklin. Quite a large audience was in attendance. The prospects for a successful organization are encouraging.

Mrs. Alice V. Dotson of Newport is visiting her sister, Mrs. George Mack, of this city.

A fair has been in progress for the last two weeks at the Memorial Baptist Church, under the auspices of a committee of ladies and gentlemen. Financially, it was quite a success. The choir of the above church has added a new lot of books to its already large selection.

The Memorial Sunday School under the superintendency of Mr. Pius Cooper is meeting with great success. Its membership and attendance increased largely, during the past year.

Misses Annie and Effie Franze paid a flying visit to Baltimore last week.

Miss Elizabeth Bruce of Brywn Mawr, Pa., is visiting relatives in this city.

Mr. Reuben Walker, Jr., has recently returned from Ocean City. He is spending a few weeks with his parents on Centre street.

Mrs. Adeline Lewis of Uniontown, was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. W. Sumner Brown last week.

Rev. J. Edward Dotson has been appointed agent for the Ledger for the Franklinville District.

The Westminster Harmony Circle held a smoker at the residence of the Chief Secretary, Prof. W. Sumner Brown, on the 3rd inst. Quite an enjoyable time was spent. A laughable feature being a toast on "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" by Mr. James Hope. The flow of wit and oration was notable. Among those present were President James Hope, Vice-Pres. Prof. Goodridge, Chief Sec. W. Sumner Brown, Asst. Secretary, M. O. Henson, Treasurer, Geo. A. Summers, and Messrs. Reuben Walker, Jr., Bradley Garner, and Jno. T. Budd. The gentlemen were entertained by Mrs. Prof. Brown, assisted by her mother, Mrs. Adeline Lewis.

Night School.
As will be seen by our advertising column, the public night school will re-open next week. Young and old colored men and women who appreciate the benefit of an education will certainly be on hand. Its free.

BERLIN NOTES.
We are glad to say that the Ledger is becoming a welcome guest among our white friends. When it is introduced among many of our patrons it is treated with the greatest hospitality and in a short time it will be adopted in every home.

Mr. Wm. L. Fassett after spending the month of September in Philadelphia visiting friends has returned to resume his work in the Flower Street school.

Miss Hattie Nutter of Princess Anne was the welcome guest of Mr. L. C. Henry last Monday and Tuesday.

Prof. Harrison who was formerly principal of Stockton School was the guest of Prof. Cooper last Sunday.

St. Paul's M. E. Church has been carrying on a protracted meeting with but little success. While the sacred word is being proclaimed from the pulpit many sit dead in sleep. A few evenings ago a number of these kind of leaders objected to Epworth League services on account of protracted meetings but rather because it was nauseous to them. But when a twenty five cent circus came to this town they suspended meeting and on the following Sunday put one cent in the collection for the support of the church. We hope our spiritual leaders will give us a perfect example.

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POLITICS.

Politics is a very practical subject Webster defines it as "The science of government; that part of ethics which consists in the regulation and government of a nation or state, for the preservation of its safety, peace and prosperity; comprehending the defense of its existence and rights against foreign control or conquest, the augmentation of its strength and resources, and the protection of its citizens in their rights, with the preservation and improvement of their morals."

With this definition in our mind the grave responsibility and solemn duty which the suffrage or right to vote imposes cannot be too earnestly emphasized. It matters not that the popular definition and translation of the word politics is at variance with the implied spirit of the above definition. It is so much the worse for the "preservation and improvement of their morals" that the great mass of voters seemingly regard politics as an opportunity for gaining and dividing spoils. Great fundamental principles are to govern the field of politics, and although, for a time, principle may seem to be submerged, beneath greedy and inordinate exploits for political grapes, yet, like truth, the fundamental principle of righteousness and justice must inevitably triumph, and in its ascent bring forth the perennial fruit of stability and fixedness in righteous and just government.

Names are alright so long as they are indicative of fundamental principles of right and equity, but when they fail to be living exponents of the inward virtues represented by such designation then they become valueless. Men who value principle, men who take high views of politics regarding it as a means to an end, that of securing good and honest government wherein the highest and best interests of the people are paramount, must stand by principle rather than by mere party names.

The men to represent the State of Maryland in the National Congress, whether they call themselves Republicans or Democrats, should at least be true, honest and honorable men, thoroughly imbued with the fact that they are the servants of the people without regard to race or any other condition. Lincoln was always loyal to the people; he came up from the people and constantly remained of the people.

Political parties are simply convenient vehicles for registering the will of the people. In proportion as they faithfully execute this trust in like proportion are they deserving of popular confidence and support. But when they show an unmistakable disposition to side track fundamentals, and convert the instrumentality from its proper and lawful use to one of selfish and unworthy ends, emphasizing this course by the nomination of men, who, to say the least, are wanting in the necessary elements of broad statesmanship and loyalty

to the interests of the people as a whole, then such parties and such candidates ought to receive the hearty condemnation of a liberty-loving people.

A vote for an unprincipled and dishonest man is a confession of deterioration in morals on the part of those guilty of such conduct, and with the increase of such men as law-makers the stability and security of our government is gradually weakened, until the climax is reached and political destruction attained. The ballot demands knowledge and good sense upon the part of the one wielding it, otherwise it is converted into a powerful instrument of popular destruction.

Colored men should be filled with an ambition to use intelligently and wisely their ballot so that by its influence it may conserve and build up, and not pull down and destroy. Good, honest, upright, intelligent, patriotic and courageous men ought to be elected to Congress. Men who will positively know no race but MEN without regard to their color or condition. It is always a satisfaction to stand by principle, albeit, for awhile, it may be temporarily defeated. But like truth it will rise again.

The Case of The Honorable John H. Smyth.

At Rochester, N. Y., recently, the Hon. John H. Smyth, of Richmond, Va., ex-Minister to Liberia, was denied membership in an Afro-American organization because of his expressed views on mixed marriages and mixed schools. Mr. Smyth stated that he was opposed to mixed marriages or mixed schools. Or in other words he is opposed to individual liberty. He would have vigorously applied a co-ercive law by which human beings are to be deprived of an inherent and God-given right. Of course the conference acted most wisely in ruling out a disturbing element directly opposed to the vital object of the organization. Whatever may be said of Mr. Smyth he is certainly a brave and brainy black man. Of course he is entitled to his views. It would be wrong to force him to marry a white woman, and it would be equally as wrong to prevent another man as black as Mr. Smyth who think differently from marrying a real white woman, if he so desired. Evidently Mr. Smyth has a practical object in view in taking the decided stand to which we have referred. He is the President of the Negro Reformatory Association of Virginia, having for its object the reformation of youthful Afro-American offenders. A good and worthy object this is. Now, Mr. Smyth has taken a stand which will doubtless make him very popular and great with the Southern Generals, Colonels, Majors and Captains. In their estimation he is a good and sensible Negro, and doubtless many of this class will extend him their congratulations and sympathy, and accompany the same with liberal checks in aid of the institution of which Mr. Smyth is president. We are not disposed to take Mr. Smyth seriously, but, nevertheless must confess our ready recognition of his shrewdness and adaptability to Southern sentiment. And yet for all this, Mr. Smyth to the contrary notwithstanding, mixed marriages and mixed schools will continue to increase.

The Kansas Republicans believe in using the colored men of the state in their campaign work. Last week the state committee announced that the following colored campaign speakers had been engaged: Judge T. F. Bradley, Hon. B. S. Smith, and Lawyer Paul Jones, of Kansas City, Kas.; Geo. W. Ellis, of Lawrence; Jas. H. Guy, of Topeka; W. B. Townsend, of Leavenworth, and Corvine Patterson, of Kansas City, Kas.—Conservator.

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SOUTHERN MARYLAND.

A Very Important and Helpful Industrial Conference.

Some of the colored ministers of St. Mary's, Charles and Prince George's counties have interested themselves in the moral and material needs of the race. The second of a series of helpful meetings took place this summer in St. Mary's county. The attendance was large including many from each of the above counties. The Rev. John E. Poindexter, a white clergyman, of La Plata, writes very interestingly of this gathering in the county paper, the Maryland Independent from which we take the following:

"On Thursday August 18th, 1898, the second annual conference of Colored Ministers and people from Prince Georges, Charles and St. Mary's counties was held in St. Mary's chapel, Charlotte Hall. It was my privilege, through the courtesy of the managers, to attend and to take part in the exercises.

The Conference opened at 11:30 o'clock with Divine Service, after which, in the absence of Rev. Geo. F. Bragg, of Baltimore, a sermon was preached by Rev. James Poindexter, of Charles county, from John 8, 36: "If the Lord therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." The preacher strove to impress upon his hearers these truths: that political freedom is but the opportunity to shape our own course, to work out our own destiny; that it may be to any race or individual a blessing or a curse accordingly as it is rightly or wrongly used; that if a man be in bondage—political liberty will be to him of no avail; that until the colored race is emancipated from indolence and intemperance and extravagance and vice its elevation will be impossible; that by any man in Southern Maryland who is sober and industrious and economical and honest and reliable and moral success is attainable; that no race can ever rise higher than the aims and aspirations of the individuals who compose it; that if the colored people are ever to be elevated to a higher plane it must be mainly through their own exertions; that individual men and women must first of all elevate themselves, and then having entered into the liberty, moral and spiritual, with which Christ has made us free, they would be enabled to influence those about them and so by patient and united efforts might accomplish a blessed work for the glory of God and for the elevation of the colored race.

About 3 p. m., after recess and lunch, separate meetings for men and women were held simultaneously. At the men's meeting brief but practical addresses were given by Rev. B. B. Tyler, of Woodville, and Rev. J. G. Bryant of Charlotte Hall. The next speaker was Dr. Edward D. Williston, lecturer in the medical department of Howard University, Washington, who for half an hour held his audience entranced as he told them of the havoc which licentiousness is making of the colored people in that city, and painted with a firm hand the horrors of venereal disease and the fearful consequences entailed by lustful indulgence on the man and on his offspring. He was followed by the Rev. Wm. V. Tunnell, of King Hall, Washington, who in an address marked by directness and simplicity drove home with earnestness and power the warnings uttered by Dr. Williston. Both addresses were worthy of a large audience. Surely, I thought a new era has dawned upon us, when colored speakers can stand before their own people not to prophesy to them smooth things; not to inflame them with hatred against their white neighbors; not to win their votes for selfish politicians, but to tell them the truth as no white man would dare to do it; to picture the dread consequences of sin, and to warn them of the ruin which must overwhelm their race unless they heed the teaching of Science and the warnings of Revelation.

Meanwhile in the women's meeting addresses were made by Mrs. Tunnell, Mrs. Tyler and other speakers, upon practical topics specially calculated to edify and to help those of their own sex.

At 5:30 p. m. a general meeting was held in the Chapel and instructive addresses were given by Rev. John R. Brooks, Mr. Brant and Tunnell on such subjects as "Thrift and economy," "How to manage a farm," etc. After Divine Service at 8 o'clock p. m., the Missionsary sermon, a practical and instructive discourse was preached to a large congregation by the Rev. John London, Rector of Trinity parish Charles Co.

TREATMENT OF MAJOR WRIGHT.

Courtesy Extended the Paymaster by Southern Troops.

To the Editor of the N. Y. Age: I write to correct the impression created by a report sent out from Brunswick, Ga., some days ago in regard to the treatment of Major R. R. Wright by a certain Texas regiment. The South is responsible for a good many sins, but this special sin charged up against the South, so far as Major Wright is concerned, is without foundation. The despatch was evidently manufactured by this Texas regiment for the purpose of home consumption.

It was my pleasure and privilege to be with Major Wright during a portion of his visit through South Carolina and Georgia and I took especial pains to note the manner in which he was treated by the various Southern regiments he was engaged in paying off. I saw Major Wright immediately after he had finished paying the troops at Brunswick and he stated to me that he was treated with the utmost courtesy by both officers and men while he was performing his duty as paymaster; that the nearest action bordering upon discourtesy was in case of one or two officers who came in his presence in the paymaster's tent with their caps on, but when he called attention to this seeming discourtesy the caps were removed at once. In Columbia, S. C., I was with Major Wright on the streets and I took especial pains to see how he would be treated by the South Carolina troops whom he met on the streets in Columbia, and in no instance while I was with Major Wright did any of the privates fail to salute him in the proper manner. As soon as the colonel of the South Carolina regiment heard that Maj. Wright had reached Columbia, he called at his residence and paid his respects, and the next morning came in and drove Major Wright out to camp, where he paid the regiment and was treated with proper courtesy by both officers and men.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON, Tuskegee, Ala.

CAMBRIDGE NEWS.

The revival at Waugh is still in progress. Last Sunday was a great spiritual day. The young converts kindled the fire in the class. At 10:30 the pastor, Rev. A. L. Martin, preached, and 7:30 p. m., the Rev. Wm. S. Brown, officiated. 128 persons partook of the Holy Communion. \$175 were subscribed for the Dewey Rally the 4th Sunday in Nov.

The teachers of Dorchester Co., having passed very creditable examinations went to their fields of labor Oct. 3.

Mrs. Chas. Cornish has been very ill but is about again.

Miss Willie Jeniter left a few days ago for Baltimore.

Miss Cassie Slater has returned from Atlantic City and will no doubt spend the winter in Cambridge.

Miss Sarah Avery paid Cambridge a visit.

Miss Lena Hughes of Baltimore is home spending a very pleasant time with her parents and friends.

Miss Maria Bolden left last week for Baltimore after spending a delightful time with her parents and friends.

The people of Cambridge are delighted with the Ledger.

Misses Helen and E. Blanche Waters spent several weeks at home, then left for Baltimore.

Miss Hattie Boggs is home on a two weeks visit.

Mr. John Waters and wife have returned home from up the county.

Mr. Freeborn Setler deserves great praise for his push in the oyster business.

Messrs. Samuel Eaves, Edward Bowley and Mrs. M. M. Jackson are suffering very badly from camp meeting fatigue. Dr. Stayhome is tending them and they are n the mend.

Miss Stella Kerr is in Baltimore at the bedside of her sick sister.

FREDERICK FINDINGS.

Friday night of last week a very pleasant social was given at the residence of Miss Minnie Daily in honor of Misses Forman and Thomas of Washington, both of whom are soon to return home. The evening was spent in innocent parlor amusements, and as a fitting climax refreshments were served. Quite a number of young people were present, with now and then a sprinkling of old persons.

There are two tender trials on the court docket this week. One

was a case of a white man by the name of Gibbons who shot into a crowd of serenaders last March and killed one of the participants. The evidence adduced in his case clearly showed that he was guilty of wilful murder, yet the jury could not agree, and as a result he will be tried again. The other case was that of a fellow by the name of Miller, (white,) who on the 27th of August last, murdered Ray Brown, colored, at a place called Braddock. He pleaded self-defense. There was adduced in this case a preponderance of evidence to show that Miller had previously threatened the boy's life and had also made arrangement for his bloody deed. And yet the verdict in this case was murder in the second degree. Miller was known to be a tough character, and even the people in his own community tried to persuade the colored people to lynch him. We heard it said that one of the jurymen was heard to remark that, no white man, matters how low he may be, should be hung for a "nigger."

The nut crop is very large in the neighboring rural districts and the farmers are predicting a hard winter.

Your correspondent has received many congratulations from the young ladies and old maids of this city for directing the attention of the Baltimore bachelors in our letter in last week's issue to them.

Mr. Wm. Diggs has purchased a two-story frame house on E. Fifth street. He expects to move in his new home in the near future.

Mr. Marshall Jenkins, the janitor of the court house, has begun the erection of a handsome dwelling on E. Fifth street. The foundation was dug last week.

Communion services were held at Asbury M. E. Church, Sunday night. Rev. A. Becks, the pastor officiated.

Revival services begun at the First Baptist Church Sunday. In the morning the pastor, Rev. J. E. Board preached. At night Mr. John Walter, an exhorter in the German Methodist Church, preached.

Revival services were begun in Quinn A. M. E. Church last week. Three converts are reported as the result of last week's effort.

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*8:11 a. m., main line, Chambersburg, 8:30 a. m., accommodation for Union Bridge and Hanover.

*10:17 a. m., accom. for Union Bridge, York, Gettysburg, Carlisle, G. & H. R. R.

*12:25 p. m., accom. for Emory Grove.

*2:35 " accom. for Union Bridge.

*3:32 " exp. for York and B. & O. Div.

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